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<EM>Frank Carlucci, Turner's deputy and a career foreign service officer who has served as ambassador to Portugal, argues that most of the early retirements are caused by quirks in the pension law, not unhappiness with the CIA chief or with the agency.

<EM>``This is not to say that the problems involving the CIA have not had an impact,`` notes Carlucci. ``But relatively few seem to be because people are unhappy with our management. I have gotten one bitter letter; Stan has gotten two or three.``

<EM>One persistent rumor in the intelligence community is that Carlucci has come close to resigning in the year since he came to the CIA. Carlucci says his relationship with Turner is ``evolving well`` and adds: ``We all have our ups and downs in jobs. It is fair to say I am not contemplating resignation.``

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<EM>Says Carlucci: ``The grimmest side in its darkest form is  
that our people see the most essential tool of their trade  
being eroded. The heart of this business is protecting your  
sources and methods. It is increasingly difficult for our  
staffers to look an agent in the eye and say, 'I can  
protect my sources.' That, to me, is the most serious  
problem we face.''

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<EM>Turner himself admits that the agency must bear down on  
its long-range forecasts, saying: ``I think the U.S. has  
got to play its role in a longer-term, more subtle, more  
fundamental way than putting a finger in the dikes--to  
anticipate problems rather than react to problems.''

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<EM>The CIA's Carlucci says: ``I don't think there is any  
question but what we are the foremost intelligence  
operation in the world--overall. In technology, we're ahead.  
On the analytic side, we're clearly ahead.``

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